

Grace Church on Mission by Serving through...

SHARED IDEAS

Great ideas to get you or your group started.



The way we serve people shows them who Jesus is. Jesus said “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45) Jesus showed us through His actions that serving others is important. There is no end to the creative ways we can serve one another. Below are just a few ideas to help you or your group get started.

Ideas for Serving Others:

- ❖ Park/Neighborhood Clean-Up: Spend a few hours picking up trash in local parks or around your neighborhood.
 - ❖ Cards for Seniors: Create handmade cards or artwork to brighten the day for elderly residents who are home bound, at nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Plan a visit to deliver.
 - ❖ Write Thank You Notes for Service Personnel: Deliver notes to local firefighters, police officers, or other service personnel to show appreciation for their work
 - ❖ Create and distribute care packages for the homeless.
 - ❖ Donate blood to help save lives through your local blood bank.
 - ❖ Focus on everyday acts of kindness: Hold the door for someone, let someone with a full cart go ahead of you at the grocery store, or smile at a stranger.
 - ❖ Buy a warm meal for someone experiencing homelessness.
 - ❖ Send a care package or thoughtful note to someone feeling isolated.
 - ❖ Offer to help an elderly or disabled neighbor with chores like raking leaves, pulling in their trash cans or running errands.
 - ❖ Tutor children, teach an adult a new skill, or volunteer your talents at a local community center.
 - ❖ Offer assistance in a garden by planting, weeding, or watering plants that benefit the neighborhood.
 - ❖ Lend a listening ear: give your full attention when someone is talking, ask thoughtful questions, and offer a calm, reassuring presence.
 - ❖ Show gratitude for things others do, which helps them feel valued.
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- ❖ Offer encouragement: Send inspirational messages or simply let people know you appreciate them, which can brighten their day.
 - ❖ Serve your own family; wash the dishes unsolicited, or ask “*How can I help you today?*”
 - ❖ Offer to clean a busy family’s house, or fix a meal for them.
 - ❖ When you make dinner, double the recipe and take it to a busy friend or elderly neighbor.
 - ❖ Babysit for free.
 - ❖ Offer to walk someone’s dog if they’re unable.
 - ❖ Help someone else shine: ask what you can do to help them achieve their goals.
 - ❖ B.L.E.S.S. - Select someone from your Grace Church B.L.E.S.S card to bless this week.
 - ❖ Have additional ideas to add? Email to ewatkins@grace-church.com to add to this list.

READY TO SERVE? Select an idea from above or create your own and get started!

Still exploring? Go to grace-church.com/serve to find additional serving opportunities in our Community.